

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 1, 4, and 5 are all the claims pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, and 5 are now provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-4 and 5-6 of Appln. No. 10/675, 953 (Your Ref: SH-18374-USRCE; Our Ref: Q76844), hereinafter referred to as Park '953. Claims 1, 4, and 5 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hinden et al (RFC 2373, "IP Version 6 Addressing Architecture") in view of Marttinen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,222,853).

Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections - Claims 1, 4, and 5

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In response, Applicant requests that the Examiner hold this rejection in abeyance until one or the other of the two pending applications issues as a patent. Specifically, according to MPEP § 804 I.B., if a provisional double patenting rejection in one application is the only rejection remaining, then the Examiner should withdraw the provisional rejection and permit that application to issue as a patent, thereby converting the provisional double patenting rejection in the other application, e.g., the Park '953 application, into a bona fide double patenting rejection at the time the one application issues as a patent. Thus, if all other claim rejections are withdrawn in the present application, claims 1, 4, and 5 should be found allowable and the present application should be permitted to issue as a patent.

§103(a) Rejections (Hinden/Marttinen) - Claims 1, 4, and 5

In the previous response dated March 13, 2008, claims 1, 4, and 5 were amended and it was argued that the applied references do not disclose or suggest at least, "providing an interface ID area comprising a company ID area, a device ID area and a serial number area using an extended unique identifier (EUI-64) ID format; and identifying the devices using device ID information for identifying types of the devices recorded in the device ID area, and unique number assigned to the devices recorded in the serial number area, wherein the device ID area is located between the company ID area and the serial number area," as recited in claims 1 and 4.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner does not respond to the previous arguments and amendments and simply repeats the exact same arguments set forth in the previous Office Action. That is, the Examiner does not even attempt to show where the applied references allegedly teach or suggest the features that were added to the claims via the previous filing. Accordingly, Applicant maintains the same arguments as previously submitted with respect to independent claim 1 and 4.

Applicant submits that dependent claim 5 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 4.

Request for Interview

Applicant also respectfully requests an interview to further discuss this case; in particular, Applicant wishes to discuss possible allowable subject matter. If the Examiner is willing to grant an interview please contact the undersigned.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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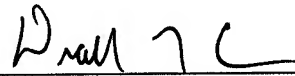
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